

Advocacy Successes and Update 2017 (as of May 31)

Statehouse Advocacy

CELEBRATE OUR RESULTS!

- Secured more funding for internet connectivity in libraries and schools—
 Hoosiers will continue to have access to high-speed internet for
 completing the essential tasks: e-government, job search and applications,
 online learning and more.
- Sustained funding for INSPIRE—Hoosiers may access scholarly articles, Teaching Books, test preparation for college and in-demand occupations, Rosetta Stone and more.
- Secured Senate Concurrent Resolution 14, recognizing 125 years of ILF—
 ILF members and leaders were recognized in the House and Senate.
- Educated legislators about library consortiums.
- Successful defense Removed language about school libraries in school consolidation bill. Prevented language that could change library board composition.



ILF officers with Senator Kenley in front of Senate Chamber, 3/14/17

Federal Advocacy



ILF group with Senator Donnelly, 5/2/17

Six met with all 11 offices of Indiana's Congressional Delegation in Washington, D.C., through National Library Legislative Day on May 2. Participants included Robin Crumrin, Terry Rheinheimer, Edra Waterman, Monica Casanova, Jake Speer and Lucinda Nord.

We shared letters from libraries in every congressional district. Members of Congress and their staff shared their support for libraries and perspectives about the current federal budget. We advocated for continued **federal funding and policies that support libraries**. We discussed issues relevant to each and invited them to visit libraries in their districts.

Grassroots Advocacy

- Library Day at the Statehouse ILF scheduled meetings between library staff from across Indiana and their legislators on March 14. Members shared the <u>ILF Policy Priorities</u>, advocating for state funding in the budget.
- Legislative Updates ILF provides an e-newsletter on advocacy issues to its members and supporters.
- Third House/Meet Your Legislator Sessions ILF provided information about upcoming Third House or Meet Your Legislator events in their communities. Many ILF members attended sessions and met with their state legislators.



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